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Dear PhD-students, Supervisors and Project Partners,

“All new in May,” goes a German saying. In fully keeping with this tradition, we would like to present to you in our current newsletter the new concept of the GGG methodological week, which from 2014 on will no longer take place in fall, but in summer. In addition to further innovations, you find in this issue:

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The Interdisciplinary Methodological Week

New concept as of 2014

The Interdisciplinary Methodological Week is an annual offer by the GGG, which now takes place for the ninth time. One aim of the methodological week is the communication and in-depth study of different methods from the field of social sciences and related disciplines. In addition, exchange and networking of PhD-students play an important role. In order to have ideal conditions for the communication of methods as well as for exchange, the methodological week always takes place in one block. This is also attractive for external PhD-students and facilitates participation considerably. The various methods are presented in the form of workshops; they are jointly developed and often tested on one's own PhD project as an example. The workshops change every year, with particularly established and high demand methods being offered on a regular basis. At the end of the methodological week, the workshops and lecturers as well as the organization and general framework of the methodological week are evaluated.

The innovations

From this year on, taking up the suggestions of the evaluations and of discussions with PhD-students, we have further adjusted the concept of the methodological week to the requirements, and optimized it. Up to now, the structure of the methodological week was designed in a way, that – in addition to a common welcome address – there were two blocks of workshops, each running over two days, as well as a public evening. Now, there will be a further increased focus on the workshops and the methods. Specifically, this means that from now on, there will

be only one workshop block running over the entire duration of the methodological week. This allows an in-depth discussion of the particular method and eliminates the need for changing into another workshop.

Furthermore, the methodological week will now start on the first day with a keynote speech on methodological questions, which allows all participants to have a common, interdisciplinary start. In addition, the evening event is omitted in favor of the keynote speech.

This new structure focusses even more on the different methods and thereby more strongly emphasizes the “summer school” aspect of the methodological week. This is underlined by the new date of the methodological week. Instead of being right before the lecture period in fall, it will now take place in summer, immediately after the end of lectures.

Awarding of credit points

Besides meeting the wish for having more time for content-related working in the workshops, the new format also matches the PhD-students' need for clearer rules concerning credit awarding.

While until now, one session in every workshop block had to be taken and the required performance in both blocks had to be accomplished, the need to take a second workshop, which might suit personal interests less, is eliminated. Credit points can now be obtained through complete participation in one workshop and producing the specific

performance required. Nevertheless, the workload in the new format remains the same and it still applies that no credits are awarded if absence exceeds 10% of the compulsory attendance time. The methodological week can of course also be attended without credit acquisition. Active participation is, however, required anyway. A purely passive participation is not possible.

You may find further information on the webpage:

www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

Key data at a glance

9th Interdisciplinary Methodological Week from July 28-31, 2014

Target group

The GGG methodological week is directed at PhD-students...

- of the Faculty of Law
- of the Faculty of Economic Sciences
- of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development
- of Forest Economics, Forest Policy and Nature Conservation
- of approved PhD programs (www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/programs)

Workshops	Referee
Wege der Wissenschaft - Was ist wissenschaftlich an meinem Promotionsprojekt?	Prof. Dr. Olaf Korn, Göttingen
Basic Principles of Qualitative Social Research	Ina Alber, M.A., Marburg
Auswertungen mit SPSS - Fragen, Statistiken und schöne Bilder	PD Dr. Micha Strack, Göttingen
Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets – An Introduction to Set-Theoretic Approaches in the Social Sciences	Jonas Buche & Markus Siewert, Frankfurt/Main

The course titles indicate the language they are conducted in.

Registration

Registration is possible from May 19 to June 15, 2014 exclusively at www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de.
Registration is binding and limited to twelve participants per workshop (first come, first serve).

Certificate of performance

PhD-students can obtain 3 ECTS points for their active participation in the entire methodological week. This comprises the keynote speech as well as active participation in the selected workshop including the required (written) performance in that workshop. With additional performances, 4 ECTS points are possible, too. An entirely passive participation is not possible. In addition, no credits can be awarded if absenteeism exceeds 10% of the compulsory attendance time.

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Qualification

Our courses in the third quarter

As of now, you can enroll for the following courses of the third quarter at ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. Detailed information on our courses and on further courses for PhD-students offered by cooperating institutions can be found at www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de.

Date	Topic	Referee
03.07. / 04.07.+ 17.07. / 18.07.2014	Project Management in International Contexts	Dr. Dorit Battermann
28.07. – 31.07.2014	GGG Interdisciplinary Methodological Week	Several For further information as well as for enrollment, please visit: www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de
11.09. + 12.09.2014	Praktische Grundlagen der Mitarbeiterführung	Dr. Sabine Hoier
16.09.2014	Ohne Promotion keine LOM: Was haben Promotionen mit leistungsorientierter Mittelverteilung und Finanzmanagement zu tun?	Dr. Ralf Paquin / Jacqueline Schubert

And this is how it works: The GGG divides the course year 2014 into four quarters. You can sign up for courses of a quarter six weeks before begin of that respective quarter. 12 to 16 PhD-students can participate in a particular course. Places are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Four weeks before start of the course, application is considered binding; this applies to all applications. You can also find detailed information on individual courses and the application procedure at:

www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de

Please send your application exclusively to ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de and note the applicable registration procedure.

Courses on teaching methods in higher education for PhD-students and new teachers

We would furthermore like to draw your attention to the following courses of the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Göttingen, which target especially PhD-students:

Date	Topic	Referee
26.05. + 27.05.2014	Zielsicher und stimmig Gespräche steuern in Seminaren und Sprechstunden	Monika Hülskemper
20.06.2014	„...plötzlich lehren!“ Meine Rolle als Lehrende/r	Angelika Thielsch
17.07. + 18.07.2014	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	Prof. Dr. Erika von Rautenfeld

Sponsorships

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides funding and scholarships for PhD-students of the social sciences. The respective measures will be published on the GGG website in the course of the year:

www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/GGG-sponsorship

The following funding options are available for the coming months:

Funding measure	Duration	Application deadline	Funding amount	Target group
GGG Family Grant	4 – 6 months	30.06.14	€ 1,200 - 1,300 per month	PhD-students with children under the age of twelve or who look after care-dependent family members and therefore need time for finishing their PhD
Research Assistantships	3 months at 20 h	30.06.14	€ 308 pre-tax x 3 months WHK	Foreign PhD-students who carry out a three-monthly research project
KaWirMento	1 year	31.10.14	Mentoring and qualification	PhD-students and PostDocs seeking a career in economics
WeWiMento	1 year	31.01.15	Mentoring and qualification	PhD-students and PostDocs seeking a career in science management
Grants for practical work	Several weeks	June 2014	Maximum € 400	Master students who prepare a research project in cooperation with SMEs
Grants for practical research	Up to 6 months	June 2014	Funding of a scientific assistant position of about 25%	PhD-students who do a research project in cooperation with SMEs
Travel allowance for attendance at an international conference	Flexible	August 2014	Maximum € 400 (EU) or € 800 (non-EU) per funding	PhD-students who broaden their key qualifications by participating in a conference abroad
Participation in a summer school	Flexible	Flexible	Depending on available resources	PhD-students who would like to attend an international summer school that offers direct benefit for their PhD thesis
Forum of PhD-students	Flexible	Flexible	Depending on expenditure	PhD-students who want to network in a professional context

On our own account

Please note especially that with publication of this newsletter the login window for the coming courses is open: PhD-students can now register for GGG courses of the third quarter 2014.

This newsletter is published quarterly. It is available to the PhD-students and supervisors of Social Sciences as well as to all interested parties. The newsletter is provided online (www.uni-goettingen.de/en/42253.html). You can also obtain it by E-mail. The next newsletter will be published on August 18, 2014.

This newsletter is supposed to inform you about fundamental issues regarding doing a PhD, contribute to a closer contact between you and the GGG team and thus help you to be informed in time about all offers of the graduate school. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact our team (see last page of the newsletter). Of course, you can also find additional information regarding the different projects online.

News of the GGG

New contact person at the Helpdesk for International PhD-students

Judith Kaschner is the new contact person for international PhD-students since April. She studied English and Scandinavian studies in Göttingen and supervised international master and PhD applicants of agricultural sciences as a student assistant. You can find further information and contact data at:
www.uni-goettingen.de/GGG-Helpdesk

New contact person for the award of stipends for international conferences

Since mid-April, Bettina Roß provides advice if you wish to apply for travel grants of the GGG's SME-network for active participation in scientific conferences abroad. Ms. Roß has taken over these responsibilities from Jaqui Dopfer and is also available for further inquiry and agreements with the faculties.
www.uni-goettingen.de/de/bettina-roß/103006.html

New speaker of the GGG

Prof. Dr. Christine Langenfeld, Faculty of Law, is speaker of the GGG since April. She replaces Prof. Dr. Rainer Marggraf, who has been representing the GGG executive board as a speaker in the last four years.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/40756.html

Conference on international solidarity

In cooperation with the GGG, the Hans Böckler Foundation arranged an interdisciplinary conference by and for PhD-students on questions concerning international solidarity in Göttingen last April. Topics included challenges that trade unions and social movements face because of globalization. The almost 120 participants and referees from cities like Aberdeen, Florence, Madrid, Buenos Aires and New York lively discussed capital markets, social movements and also the emotional side of solidarity of the different groups of players.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364950.html

Events

The GGG is hosting different events to which we would like to cordially invite you. You can already make a note of the following events. Additional information and starting times will be provided on our website, in our leaflet, and by the team of the GGG.

“PraxisForum – Wir verbinden kluge Köpfe”: June 3, 2014

Like every year on the eve of the „PraxisBörse“, the SME-network of the GGG invites you to the „PraxisForum 2014“ in ZHG 103. Also this year, scientists will give interesting insights into the state of research and point out links for cooperation with the regional economy (only in German). Registration is mandatory:
www.uni-goettingen.de/praxisforum

GGG at the Praxisbörse 2014: June 4, 2014

In the context of the Praxisbörse on June 4, Bettina Roß will give advice on prerequisites for and perspectives of a PhD in social sciences on the blue coach at the booth of the career service (booth 50) from 11:00 to 12:00 am.

You are furthermore invited to a talk giving an overview on “Basic conditions, funding opportunities and perspectives of a PhD in social sciences” in room ZHG 1.141 at 12 am (only in German). For more information, please visit:

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/fuer-studierende/470022.html

International Barbecue on June 4, 2014

On Wednesday, June 4, from 6:30 to 10 pm we would like to invite you to an International Barbecue Evening at the Historical Observatory. At this event, you may connect and chat with German and international PhD-students of the various research groups and faculties of the GGG. The GGG will provide bread, salads, sauces and non-alcoholic beverages. Please bring – according to your own preferences – your own meat or vegetables to throw on the grill. Please register until May 28 at helpdeskggg@uni-goettingen.de, if you wish to participate.

Interdisciplinary Methodological Week: July 28-31, 2014 – Registration open!

This year's methodological week of the GGG takes place from July 28 to July 31 with a new concept. The program includes workshops on qualitative social research basics and methods as well as analyses using SPSS. Registration starts with publication of this newsletter and will be open until June 15. Further topics and information as well as registration can be found at:
www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

We present

The new GGG PhD representatives

The PhD-students elected their new representatives in the GGG in November 2013. The PhD representatives actively participate in organizing the graduate school in the executive board and represent the interests of the different PhD-students in the social sciences.

Maraja Riechers

My PhD project is located in the interdisciplinary field of environmental and resource economics. In my dissertation, I deal with the subject of ecosystem services and their pluralist evaluation using the example of an urban-rural gradient in Berlin.

Before my PhD, I studied and worked at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden in the field of human ecology (M.Sc.). I did my B.A. in social sciences at the Leibniz Universität Hannover.

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Together with the representatives and staff of our Graduate School, we are your first contact persons in case of questions, advice or potential conflicts. You can also contact us if you have any suggestions for improvement of the GGG. In case of conflicts, we can help you to find advice and/or give you a suggestion on how to proceed.

At a glance

Next round of funding with Dorothea Schlözer Scholarships 2014

Also in 2014, the university and the university medicine will award PhD and research scholarships to particularly qualified female junior scientists. Application is carried out via an online portal and is possible from March 1 to May 31, 2014. Beginning of funding will be October 1, 2014. Detailed information can be found at: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/122481.html>

Event Series „Alle Gleich Anders!?' Diversity in Theorie und Praxis“, Summer Semester 2014

Diversity: Vielfalt ent-falten – this is the title of the event series “Alle Gleich Anders!?' Diversity in Theorie und Praxis” which will take place for the fourth time in the summer semester 2014.

Contributions will range from a critical assessment of the basic terms to insights into the importance of a diversity strategy for the administrative processes, and also to detailed examples of how a university's diversity strategy can be established and implemented. The itinerary and further information will soon be available online:

www.uni-goettingen.de/diversity-vortragsreihe

Excursions for students and PhD-students

Like every year, the International Student Services invite you to excursions to politically, historically and culturally interesting German cities. International as well as German students and PhD-students are welcome. You can find information on the excursions and on enrollment at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/414659.html

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